Patent Claims

1. A protective cover (11) for motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, machines or the like, which is adapted to the outer overall shape or the shape of individual parts of an object (12) to be protected and the edges of which are held on the object (12) to be protected, characterized in that a pocket (26) with at least one enclosed, flat strip-shaped holding element (24) is in each case provided along the at least one edge of the protective cover (11) which is assigned to a body edge (22, 25), which element in a holding position (37) acts under prestress on the body edge (22, 25) of the object (12) to be protected.

2. The protective cover as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the body edge (22, 25) of the object (12) to be protected is designed as a wheel arch (22) and/or engine hood edge (25) close to the windshield.

3. The protective cover as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the holding element (24) is larger in its width than a folded-over edge (35) of the body edge (22, 25).

4. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the flat strip-shaped holding element (24) has a radius of curvature which is designed to be larger than the radius or course of curvature of a body edge (22, 25).

5. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that, to increase the holding force of the holding element (24) on the body edge (22, 25), the difference between the radius of curvature of the holding element (24) and that of the course of curvature of the body edge (22, 25) is increased.

6. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the holding element (24) is a part produced by punching, milling, injection molding, deep drawing, extrusion or calendering.

7. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the holding element (24) is formed from plastic, sheet metal, paperboard, cardboard, a composite material made of the abovementioned materials with and without fibers, fabric insert or fabric reinforcements.

8. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the holding element (24) is formed from a flat rectangular cross section.

9. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the holding element (24) has flexible properties.

10. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the holding element (24) is in a rest position inserted at least partly, preferably completely into a pocket (26), which is formed from a material for the protective cover (11).

11. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the pocket (26) is formed from one or two layers (51, 52) and the layer or layers (51, 52) can be connected by sewing, welding, bonding after insertion of the holding element (24).

12. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that a free inner space of the pocket (26) is designed to be slightly

larger than the cross section of the flat strip-shaped holding element (24).

13. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the holding element (24) is of two-part or multi-part design.

14. The protective cover as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that separating lines (43) formed between the holding elements (24) are provided at regular spacings in the case of a holding element (24) consisting of a number of portions (41, 42).

15. The protective cover as claimed in claim 13, characterized in that a separating line (43) is provided at the apex of the body edge (22, 25) in the case of a holding element (24) consisting of a first and a further portion (41, 42).

16. The protective cover as claimed in claims 13 to 15, characterized in that each portion (41, 42) for forming a holding element (24) is inserted into a separate pocket (26).

17. The protective cover as claimed in claims 13 to 16, characterized in that each portion (41, 42) of the holding element (24) is inserted into a common pocket (26) and a seam (56) is provided in the region of the separating line (43) by sewing, bonding or welding for separate arrangement of the portions (41, 42) in the pocket (26).

18. The protective cover as claimed in claims 13 to 16, characterized in that the portions (41, 42) of the holding element (24) are arranged in relation to one another by a positive, non-positive and/or material connection before the insertion of the at least two-part holding element (24) into a common pocket (26).

19. The protective cover as claimed in claims 13 to 18, characterized in that the portions (41, 42) can be interconnected by sewing, welding, bonding.

20. The protective cover as claimed in claims 13 to 19, characterized in that the portions (41, 42) of the holding element (24) can be interconnected by a plug-type connection.

21. The protective cover as claimed in claims 13 to 20, characterized in that a reinforcing strip (46), preferably made of fabric, fibrous material or the like, is applied on one side or both sides over each separating line (43) of the portions (41, 42) of the holding element (24).

22. The protective cover as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the pockets (26) with inserted holding element (24) or holding elements (24) can be arranged on wheel arch coverings (21) adjacent to the body edge (22, 25) by sewing, welding, bonding.